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|  | **Credit by**  **Standardized Exam** | **Credit Through**  **College Course Completion** |
| **Description** | Dual Credit by Standardized Exam allows high school students the opportunity to take college-level courses, earning college credit if meeting a specific threshold on a final, standardized exam. Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and the University of Cambridge International Examination are examples of Credit by Standardized Exam programs. | Dual Credit through College Course Completion allows high school students the opportunity to earn both high school and college credit by completing college-level courses with a (grade) or better grade. Running Start, College in the High School and Tech Prep are examples of Dual Credit through College Course Completion programs. |
| **Credit** | College credit is given when students present evidence of achieving a specific threshold on a standardized exam. Students seeking credit through their AP grades should note that individual colleges and universities, not the College Board or the AP Program, grant course credit and placement. | Both high school and college credit is awarded at the time the student passes the course. |
| **Teachers/ Instructors** | Taught by specially trained high school teachers. | Taught by college instructors and/or high school teachers serving as adjunct college instructors. In either case, the instructor meets college requirements as a college instructor. |
| **College/ University Acceptance** | Accepted nationally. The threshold varies. | Accepted as transfer credit by public community and technical colleges and public baccalaureate institutions in Washington. Accepted by some private out-of-state institutions. |
| **Location** | Credit by exam courses are taught on the high school campus. Exams are taken on the high school campus. | Dual enrollment courses can be taught in the high school, on the college campus, online, or through a combination of all three venues. |
| **Eligibility** | Determined by the local school or district. | Must be currently attending high school and classified as a 11th or 12th grader. Must meet same placement scoring or pre-requisites as non-dual credit students. Must have parent/guardian and high school counselor approval. |
| **Cost** | Exam fees vary. Waivers may be available. Some schools and districts cover cost of exams. | Cost varies from program to program and from institution to institution. Additional fees may be charged, as for non-dual credit students. Fee and textbook cost waivers may be available for students receiving free and reduced price lunch. |

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